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PRESS RELEASE

MAN FOUND GUILTY ON DRUG CHARGES

Johnnie Lee Freeman, Sr., of Fort Myers, Florida, was found guilty by a federal jury today in Fort Myers, Florida of four counts of possession with intent to distribute cocaine base, crack cocaine. United States District Judge John E. Steele presided over the trial.

Johnnie Lee Freeman, Sr., is facing a maximum prison term of forty years and a fine of \$2,000,000.

This case was the result of a five-month investigation, Operation Thunder, by the Drug Enforcement Administration's mobile enforcement team, the Lee County Sheriff's Office and the Fort Myers Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Bryant R. Camareno. Johnnie Lee Freeman, Sr, is scheduled to be sentenced on April 29, 2002, in front of United States District Judge John E. Steele.